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SUBJECT: NEW RESIDENCE QUARTERS FOR CONSUL GENERAL,
ISTANBUL

1. DURING THIS PRESENT PERIOD OF STUDENT UNREST THOUGHOUT TURKEY, THE DEPARTMENT MUST EXPRESS ITS CONCERN OVER LOCATION OF PROPOSED CG RESIDENCE, I.E., DIAGONALLY ACROSS FROM MINING FACULTY ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY. STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS ARE BY NATURE EXTREMELY VOLATILE, UNCOORDINATED AND NORMALLY COMMENCED WITHOUT PRIOR ADVANCE WARNING. EFFECT, THEREFORE, OF LOCAL POLICE PROTECTION CAN BE SUBSTANTIALLY NEGATED. WHEN DEMONSTRATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS, FOR EXAMPLE, WE FEAR THAT CG MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THE RESIDENCE. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THE RSO COULD PROBABLY BE ABLE TO SECURE RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT BUT CG'S TRAVEL HABITS AND ITINERARY WOULD IN ALL LIKELIHOOD BECOME KNOWN TO DISSIDENT STUDENT GROUPS. THIS COULD POSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR CG AND UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE ASK EMBASSY TO RECONSIDER ITS HOUSING RECOMMENDATION.

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2. BUREAU HAS DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH MS. BATJER WHO ALSO

INDICATED HER CONCERN REGARDING THE APARTMENT SITE AND URGED
THAT CG CONTINUE ITS SEARCH FOR MORE SUITABLE QUARTERS. KISSINGER

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